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## DISTRIBUTION OF MINERALS

## METALLIC MINERALS

Of the metallic minerals the most important economically is copper ; gold comes next, silver third, and iron fourth. Of lead and zinc I lende the production is much smaller; while pyrite, manganee ore, antimony, and tin, are still less important. Bismuth, quicksilver, chromite, tungst-n ore, and molybdenite, are also produced in the country, but in very small quantitie?. Nickel, cobalt, iridium, osmium, platinum, etc, aro known to occur, but they have not yet been worked.

Gold:- The gold production cf Japan in 1908 was 185,282 ozs, and the mines which vielded above 500 ozs, of gold in the same year were 30 in numbar. Most of the gold was obtained froun the quartzose gold and silver ores, in some of which it was accompanied with copper, and nounetimes with lead ores. The amount, derived frou the Kuromono or black ore, a mixture of zinc blende, gatenn and barite, with chalcopyrite and iron pyrites, containing gold and silver, as in
the Kosaka and Kanô mines, was about 15,000 oze and that froun conper ores, the Kosaka and Kanē mines, was about 15,000 ozss and that frou copper ores, as in the Hitachi minee and that from lead ores, as in the Kamioka mine, was much less, probably not exceeding 3,000 ozs. I'he nmount of placer gold, won in 1908 ,
wass 8,476 oze., and was chiefly dredged in Holtraidō. The quartzoss Was 8,406 ozs, and was chiefly dredged in Hotkrnid̄̄. The quartzoss gold and sitver ores are found mostly in the provinces of Satsuma, Bungo and Chikugo in Ky ūshū; in Rikuzen aud Rikuchū in Northeast Japan; and in the provincess
of Shiribeshi and Iburi ia Hokkaidō. They are also foand scattered in tho inner zone of Japan, as in the Handa, Sado, of Shiribeghi and Iburi ia Hokkaid̄. They are also foand scattered in tho inner zone of Japan, as in the Handa, Sado, Kuratani, Togi, Kanahima, Ikuno, Omoti, and other miaes, an lalso in Izu and nortbern Taiwn. Most of the deposits occur as veing ia the Terbiary, liparite, and andesite, but a few fullow the plane of stratification of the Mesozoie, and are considered beddel veins, as in the Shishiori mine. Impregnations are often found together with the veins. mee jeld oler an mines yield moderate amounts of copper. The Innai, Handa, Ikuno, omori, and other mines were long known as bilver mines. Metasowatic deposits are asso known to occur.

The principal mines are as follows:

Horobetsu, Prov. of Iburi
Shiribeshi, Prove of Shiribe
Shiribeshi, Prov. of Shiribeahi
Kosaka, Provo of Rikuchū
Kosaka, Prov,
Washinosu,
Kamaishi,
Shishiori, Prov, of Rikuzen
Kanō, Prov. of Iwashiro
Handa,
Hitacbi, Prov. of Hitachi

Sado, Pruv. of Sado
Owatsuvama, Prov. of Izu
Kogi, Prov, of Noto Karatani,
Tkuno, Prov. of T'ajima
Truno, Prot. of Tajim
Yano, Prov. of Chikugo
J'aiono, Prov. of Bungo
Urushi, Prov. of Satsuma

Ushio, Prov. of Satsuma
Ornchi,
Yamagano.
Fuke,
Seriyano,
Otani,
Otani,
Nitabira,
Kiokwaseki, Taiwa
Kotank
Botank

About half production of gold in Cores we hare no stalistical data, but it is estiunat d to reach 90,000 ozs, anuually. of $K \bar{\jmath} \delta 0 \mathrm{~g}$-geui-d $\bar{\delta}$. It is found in eluvial and fluviatile dep ssits, the greater part being derived from the latter. Most of the gold ores are found in granite and gneiss, but some in the Palpozoic and the Mesozo:0 as well as in eruptive rocks. They form quarts veins, sometimes accompanied with abundant sulphide minerals. The deposits of the Apreun-san and Syu-an mines occur in the Palmozoic limestone, the latter near its contact with the granite. They are known as metasowatio deposits. The Un-san mine is the largest, its output being estimated at above 40,000 ozs. Other notable gold mines are the Chacmo-san in Phyöng-an-dō, the Chik-san in Cnhyung-chbyong-tō, and the Keuw-zu mining district in Chö-la-dō.
the sutur:-The silver produced in 1908 amounted to $4,380,822 \mathrm{ozs}$, and the mines, which yielded above $15,000 \mathrm{ozs}$. in ciret sourvers of silver are the copper ores and the quartzose gold and silver oces. The silver derived from lead ores is

The principal mines are as follows:
hiribeshi. Prov. of Shiribeshi
Tsubaki, Pror, of Ugo
Ani,
Hisaichi
Innai,
Kosaka, Prov. of Rikuchū
Osaruzawa, of "
Kanō, P
Handa,
Tead.- T' Omada,
Iead:- "The lead production in 1908 was $6,416,097$ lbs. Of which

Sado, Prov. of Sado
Hitachi, Prov. of Hitachi
Ashio, Prov. of Shimotsulke
Kamioka, Prov. of Hida

## lizigane,

Takane,
Hatas, Prov. of Mino
ourths. The deposit consisting chiefly of gatena Kamioka mine occur in gneiss, sometimes near its contant with quartz-porphyry, the ore lead extracted from galena, chalcopyrite, and rinc blende, and the reinstcne consisting of pyroxene and epidote. The the reins consist of comono in the Kosaka mine is much less, but ranks secoud in quantity. In the Kuratani mine, of the Kuki mine lie in quartzo vein-stuff being rhodochrosite, and occur in Tertiary taff near liparite; while the veins of the Kuki mine lie in quartz-porphyry and consist of galena, the vein-stuff being calcite and quartz.

Kosaka, Prov, of Rikuchut Kamioka, Prov. of Hida Kuratani, Prov. of Kaga? Kuki, Prov. of Twami
Copper : - The copper production in 1908 was $91,982,608 \mathrm{lbs}$, and the mines, which yielded above 150,000 lhs, in the nme year, Were 43 in number. The chief sources of copper are acid cres, basic ores, and Kuromono. The copper ores are the most widely distributed of the metallic minerals. They occur in rocks from the Crystalline Schist System up to the Tertiary, and are also fuund in the igneous rocks. The basic ores, consisting of intimate mixtures of chalcipyrite Schist and in the mostly confined to the outer zone, especially to that of South Japan. They occur in the Ceystalline deposits. Their chief sonoic and follow generally the plane of stratification; they have long been known as bedded depasits. Their chief sourceis are in the Cryitalline Schist' especially in Sbikoku, the Besshi mine being their repreHentative. The Kune mine is isolated in central Japan and its ores are chiefly transported for amelting to the Innai, much less productive, though the famous Iwaya, Hibira and Makimine mines lie in it. Basic Japan. The Qalre aroic is much less productive, though the famous Iwaya, Hibira and Makimine mines lie in it. Basic ores are also found in the zone, especially in Northeast.Japan and Chü, but are not infportant. The acid ores are widely distributed in the inner In Northeast Japan in Northeast Japao and Chūgoku, and their mode of occurrence seems to differ iñ different places. In Northeast Japan and also in Echizen and Kaga, they occut mostly as veins in the Tertiary, liparite, propylite, and mines being well known ; while the deposits of the Omalani mine are finnd in the Mesozoic an l ogoya and Yusenji mines being well known; while the deposits of the Omotani mine are fund in the Mesozoic an i quarlz-porphyry, nad accompanied with calcite and barite, granite near its contact with the liparite. The vein-stulf is alniost always quartz, chalcopyrite, with calcite and barite, except in a few c s-s, sttch as the clay veins of the Furoknra mine. The ores are veins of the famous Ashio mine are chiefly found in the liparite present, often with boraite and galena. The copper are found in the Palcoozoic and g nerilly follow the plane of stratification, being considered to be bedded veins, as in the Hiragane an I Takane mines. The ores are chalcopyrite with pyrite and zinc blende. In Chügoku, exceptinz the deposits of the Ikuno and Omori mines, they are mostly found as veine in fine Palreozoic as well as in the 'I'retiary, accompanied with igneous rocks, some being considered to be contact deposity, as in the 8isagatani mine. The most important deposits occur in the Palsoozoic with igneaus rocks; $i$, e., near the confact with grasuito, as in the Obiye m'me: with quarts porphyry and porphyrite, as in the Yushioka mine; and with liparite, as in the sasagatani mine. Ihe vein-stuff is quartz, often accompanied with contact minerale. The ores are chalcopyrite, scoo mpanicd with pyrchotite and pyrite. Kuromono is practically confined to the inner sone of North Japin, as is the Kosıka, Tsubaki ant Kanō mines, and occurs in the 'lertiary accompaniod with liparite, dacito, propylite, and an lesite. The deposit seems to belong to the replacement variety.

The principal mines are as follows :
Ani, Prov. of Ugo

## Hisaichi, <br> Arakawa,

Teutaki,
Innai,
Kosaka, Prov. of Rikuchū
Osaruzarra,

Furokura, Prov. of Rikuchū Tokitō,
Mizusawa,
Nagamatsu, Prov, of Uzen
Ūtori,
Kanō, Prov. of Iwashıro
Yakuki, Prof. of Iwaki

Kusalsura, Prov. of Echigis Ashio, Prov, of Shimotsuke Kobyaku,
Hitachi, Prov. of Hitach
Takara, Prop, of Kai
Kune, Prov. of T'ōtōmi
Hiragare, Pror. of Hida

## Takane，Prov．of Hida Oyoga，Prov．of Kaga <br> Yusenji， <br> Omodani，Prov，of Echizen <br> Tkuno，Prov．of Tajima <br> Kokusei，Prov．of Mimasaka <br> Obiye，Pror．of Bitchū <br> Hōmanzan，Prov．of Izuwo <br> Omori，Prov．of Iwami <br> Sasagatani，＂ <br> Naganobori，Prov．of Nagato <br> Kiraiwa，Prov．of Iso <br> In Co Prov．of Bitchū Kanayawa，＂’，The

 cour in the Pap－san Iron：－The iron production in 1908 was 45,759 masses of stratification in Rikuchū．The amount extracted from the iron sand in the Chūgoku mountains comes next．With the exception of iron sand in Chūgoku，the important sourcis are ractically confined to the contact deposits．The magnetite deposits of the Kamaishi and Hitokibe mines in Rikuchu occur in the Paloozoic limestone or clayslate along or near the zone of contact with diorite and granite，and the micaceous iron deposits of the Sennin mine in Rikuchu in metamorphosed schists and limestone in the contact with granite．The iron sands of Chūgoku have been derived from the disintegra－ tion of granite，diorite and granite－porphyry．Besides the dep sits above mentioned，bog－iron ore at Abuta in Iburi， $\lim$ nite at Yanahara in Mimasaka，and magnetite and limonite in Nogato and Buzen，are mined，the total amount in 1908 being only 34676 tonsIn Corea，Kai－chhyön in Phyöng－an－dō was until lately the only iron locality．The ore is limonite，which forms beds in the Palæozojc．Recently iron ore has been mined，in Hoang－hai－dō，the production in 1908 being about 100,000 metric tons．Most of the iron cre is limonite and occurs as blocks of various sizes in clay，being derived from the dis－ integration of beds and veins in the Pa An－ak mine occurs in the Mesozoic and consists of hematite．

Antimony ：－＇I he output of antimony in 1908 was $436,953 \mathrm{lbs}$ ，of which the Ichinokawa mine in Iyo yielded 309,563 lbs，or nearly two thirds of the whole．The deposits in the Ichinolaw mine congist of stibnite mixed nith more or less quartz．They occur as veins in the Crystalliue schist and in the Cretaceons．The Kano mine in Suō has a much smaller outf ut，the deposits occuring as veins in the Palæozoic．Other antimony mines are less important but mostly oceur in the Crystalline Schist and in the Palæozoic from Kii to Higo throngh Shikokn

Tin：－The production of tin in 1908 was $56,727 \mathrm{lbs}$ ．，of which about three－fourths was derived from the Suzuyama mine in Satsums，and about one－fifth from stream tin．The duposits of the suzuy ma mine occur in the Mesozoic sand tone as veins，and consist of fine prained cassiterite．Stream tin has been chiefly oktained at Suzuyamz，and a Takayama in Mino．In the latter locality it has been derived from veins in the granite

Manganese ore：－The production of manganese ore in 1908 was 11,130 metric tons．The productive sources of manganese ore are almost wholly confined to the Palæozoic and theitertiary．Generally the ores in Hokkaido and in Mutsu occur in the Tertiary，and those in South Japan，as in Tamba and the narrow district ranging from Shima and Ise to Kyüshū across Shikoku，lie in the Palpozoic in the bedded form．In the former case the ores are often accom－ panied with tuff or tufaceous clay，while in the latter hornstone often forms the country rosks．

1 he principal mines are as follows：
Pirika，Prov，of Shiribeshi Chihashiri，Prov，of Shiribeshi Iwasaki，Prov，of Mutsu Minamimata，Prov，of Mutsu． Zinc ore ：－Tbe production of zinc ore in 1908 was 18,299 metric tons．It is widely distributed in the silver，lead and copper mines．Only in recent years have the ores been dressed and exported，but the output is still himited in quanty．The principal mines are the Karatoya in Uzen，the Kamioka in Hida，and the Sasu in Tsushima．The Karatoya Karatosu mines were long worked as silver mines，while the Kamioka is a lead and silver mine．The deposit of the Mesozo mine occur in the Tertiary near liparite and consist of Kuromono ore，while those of the Sasu mine lie in the vein－stuff．

Iron pyrites：－The production of iron prrites in 1908 was 33,867 metric tons．The ores ara sent first to the manufactories of sulphuric acid or fextilizers，and then to the copper smelters，as they always contain copper．They are hiefly mined in as they are in fact copper ores of a very low grade．

The principal mines are as follows：
Yanabara，Prov．of Mimasaka
Shimoyanahara，＂，
Hisasi，Prov．of Mimasaka
Iimori．Prov．of Kii

## NON－METALLIC MINERALS．

Of the vineral products of Japan coal is the most important．Petroleum ranks third in value．Of the non－ metallic minerals sulphur comes third．Asphalt and graphite are less important．Other non－metallic minerals，such－as phosphate；peat；amber；stone for building，oraaments，and monnments；clays；precious stones；slates，abrasive俍 three above mentioned non－metallic mincrals produced in 1908，were：

Coal．．．．．．．．． $6,572,466 \quad$ Petroleum．．．．．．．．．．£ 674,586
Sulphur．．．．．．．．．£ 81，194
Hida，Graphite：－The production of graphite is very variable，and was $395,261 \mathrm{lbs}$ in 1908．It occurs in the gneiss，as in （he位，and also in igneous rocks，as in Rikuchū，Kag．and Eatsuma．

San principal mines are as follows：
Sansō，Prov．of Rikuzen Naoi，Prov．of Hida Chinodani，Prov．of Etchū Yoneyama，Prov，of Satsuma Tertiary，anthracite belont of coal in 1908 was $14,979,687$ metric tons．It is known to occur in the Mesozoic and the as in the Omine $\overline{\text { On }}$ belonging in the former and brown coal in the latter．The anthracites in the Jurassic of Nagato， Triassic of Bitchū and field，and in the Cretaceous of Amakusa in Higo，are well known；while those in the Tertiary or Bitchū and in the Cretaceous of Awa are less important．Of far greater importance，are the coal－seams in the位信 and over Iwaki and Hitachi，rank next but the coal is much inferior in quality．The coal fields in southern Nagato and in northern Taiwan，are of much less extent and the conl is inferior in quality．In south Karafuto or Saghalien the coal－bearing＇＇ertiary is of wide extent，and recently some collieries have been opened．

The principal collieries are as follows ：


Shimoyamada，＂
Tukashima，
In Corea the anthracite near Phyöng－jaug in Phyöng－az－dō is important．The output is expected to amount to over 100,000 tons per annum．The Teriary coal on the eastern coast is less important．In southern Manchuria anthracites are found in the Jurassic in Sai－ma－chi．The anthracites in the Coal Measure have been worked，the Yen－tai coal field being important，The most valuable and important coal－seams lie in the＇lertiary，and are known by the name of the Fu－shun coal field，the output in 1908 being 465,640 tons．

Petroleum ：－The petroleum production in 1908 was $2,064,510 \mathrm{bbls}$（bbls．of 42 gals ．），the Echigo oil fields yielding about 99 per cent of the whole．The petroleum occurs in Tertiary，the oil－bearing strata being eandstone or tuff－sand－ stone．

I＇he principal oil fields are as follows ：

| Niitsu，Prov．of Echigo | Amaze，Prov，of Echigo | Kubiki，Prov．of Echigo |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Higashiyama，＂ | Ushirodani，＂． | Sigara，Prov．of＇ōtōmi |

## Higashiyama，，＂

Nishiyama，



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